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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Medical Staff

SUBJECT : Survey of Spoilage of Medical Supplies

1. I have approved a finding of the Headquarters Board of Survey which, while noting a degree of supervisory negligence, recommended that no individual be held pecuniary liable and that all concerned be relieved of accountability and responsibility in connection with the spoilage of medical supplies stored [ ] and valued at \$1,047.99.

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2. As medical staff personnel assumed full responsibility at [ ] for the technical requirements for the storage and safekeeping of medical supplies, I believe that you would want this matter brought to your personal attention. The survey report and investigation indicate that in December 1953, the medical supply officer responsible for the technical storage of medical supplies, was granted a 10-day leave and that no one was assigned the responsibility for his technical duties during his absence. Sometime in this 10-day period, someone, believed to have been an indigenous carpenter, turned off the refrigerator containing the medical supplies and failed to turn it back on when his work was completed. As a result, the refrigerator remained off until the medical officer returned from leave, causing the medical supplies, which require constant refrigeration, to spoil. The report indicated that steps have been taken and adequate procedures established to prevent similar occurrences.

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Deputy Director  
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